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Central Alternative

4th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival October 7-13

"Broadway: The Golden Age," lesbian "El Favor," and "Loggerheads" (replacing "Garcon Stupide" announced earlier) headline the 4th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival October 7-13 at Harrisburg's Midtown Cinema, 250 Reily Street (www.midtowncinema.com)

Cross-over Straight & Gay

A cross-over between straight and gay audiences, "Broadway: The Golden Age" is a 111 minute labor of love from filmmaker Rick McKay to a bygone era stemming from his own experience of arriving in New York City in the early 1980s and discovering that the Great White Way of his dreams no longer existed. Almost 20 years later, McKay began interviewing the legends of Broadway in order to investigate whether or not the 1930s through the 1960s constituted the "golden years."

McKay interviewed more than 100 composers and writers over the course of five years with no crew and no budget, just moxie and his digital camera. The result is a compelling walk down memory lane, with anecdotes from the stars and creators of the finest musical and dramatic productions of yesteryear.

Among those interviewed are Angela Lansbury, Chita Rivera, Ben Gazzara, Shirley MacLaine, Stephen Sondheim, Hal Prince, Gwen Verdon, Uta Hagen, Bea Arthur, Jerry Orbach, Julie Harris, Robert Goulet, and Elizabeth Ashley. His interviews also result in the rediscovery of some long-forgotten stars. Peppered with clips of original Broadway performances, McKay's film preserves a period in the history of American theater that will likely never be repeated, and that should be celebrated.

Lesbian Themed "El Favor"

The 90 minute, lesbian themed "El Favor" (the Favor) is about two women who want to have a baby. An Argentinean couple, Mora and Roberta, urgently wants to have a child. But where will they get what's, um, needed to do so? A plan is hatched: Roberta will seduce and have sex with Felipe, Mora's brother. Felipe arrives with no hint of his sister's plot – or the fact that she's a lesbian! That's when the fun starts.

In the comedy style of Pedro Almadovar, the film is giddy and delightful, much like his classic independent film Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown. The film was a smash hit at the Philadelphia Gay & Lesbian Film Festival.

"Loggerheads"

Gay drama - can we ever get enough of it? The gimmick in "Loggerheads", 101 minutes, is that it follows three different but intertwined stories set in three different years. Internal clues tell us whether a particular plot is set in 1999, 2000 or 2001, but for maximum enjoyment viewers are advised not to worry about the chronology.

Loggerheads is a well-acted film, and almost a beautiful one at times. The film is set in various places in rural North Carolina, among the small towns and green forests. Viewers first meet Mark (Kip Pardue), a young gay man without a home, passing through the seaside town of Kire Beach and occasionally sleeping on the beach itself. George (Michael Kelly), a local man with a dull job at a motel, takes a liking to Mark and gives him a

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FAB Presents Maude Maggart November 19

By Matthew Bailey

In these uncertain economic times, it seems somehow fitting that cabaret singer Maude Maggart chooses to specialize in tunes from the depression era. "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," "42nd Street," and "It's the Talk of the Town" are just a few of the freshly delivered melodies in Maggart's repertoire.

It was Garrison Keillor, host of NPR's A Prairie Home Companion, who said during one of Maggart's recent performances on his show from the Hollywood Bowl that she manages to "channel" the voices of

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Want to ACT-UP?

Harrisburg Joins Campaign to End AIDS

Holding court at the last central PA Pride Festival, the feisty "Campaign to End AIDS -C2EA" organized Harrisburg to join a national caravan.

"The project will sponsor caravans of people who will travel throughout the country," says local organizer Shane Thomas. In our area, the Nor'Easter Caravan (as it has been named) will travel from

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Help Fund HIV/AIDS

Dine Out September 28

Over 50 restaurants throughout south central Pennsylvania will participate in the 14th Annual "Dine-Out" to help fight HIV/AIDS on Wednesday, September 28.

"Dine- Out" includes restaurants in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon and York counties. Traditionally, the event raises more than $40,000 to support

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Central Sighting –Officers and members of Capitol Region Stonewall Democrats at Central PA Pride Festival 2005 with endorsed candidates: Front row, left is VoteBluePA's Elaine Gilvear, George Dixon, treasurer Michael Chapaloney, co-chair Ben Turner. Back row, from left is co-chair Judy Chambers, Harrisburg City Council candidate Dan Miller; Carlisle mayoral candidate Charles Andrews; Carlisle Councilman Tim Scott, and Jeff Welshans.

Central Sighting -Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire, The Right Reverend V. Gene Robinson, recently spoke in Washington, DC at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America national conference on "Strength in Diversity, United in Purpose." Robinson is the first openly gay bishop in the Episcopal Church and a lifelong activist in the fight against HIV/AIDS, Left to right: Robinson, Planned Parenthood of Central Pennsylvania CEO Carroll Davenport, event coordinator Mike Escobar, and his partner Mike Bartholomew. Escobar and Bartholomew live in central PA.

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Artists Paint Midtown

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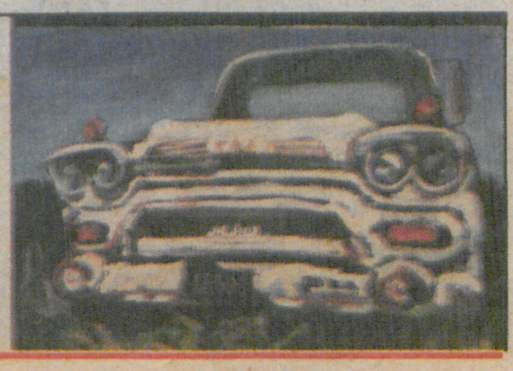

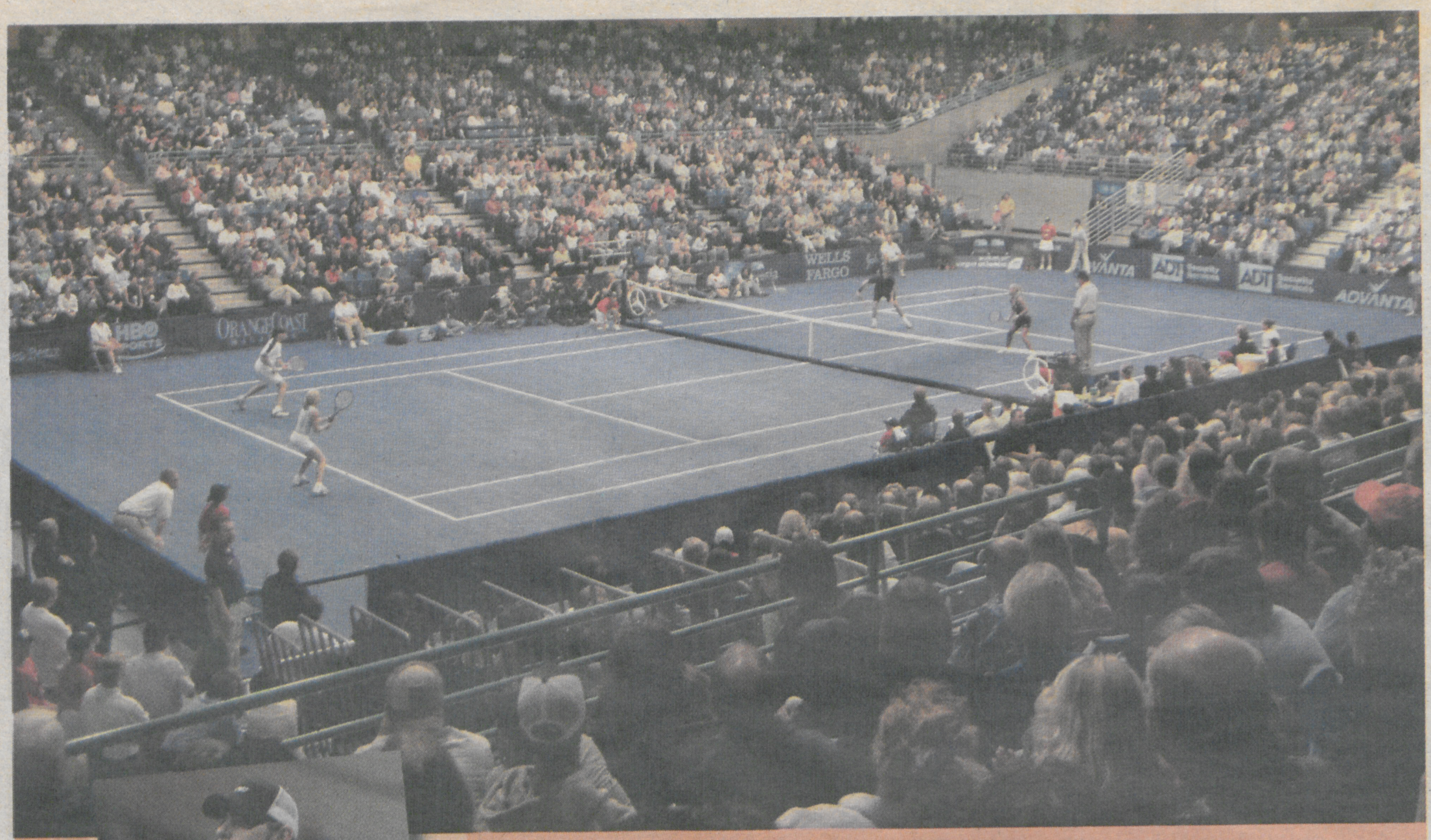

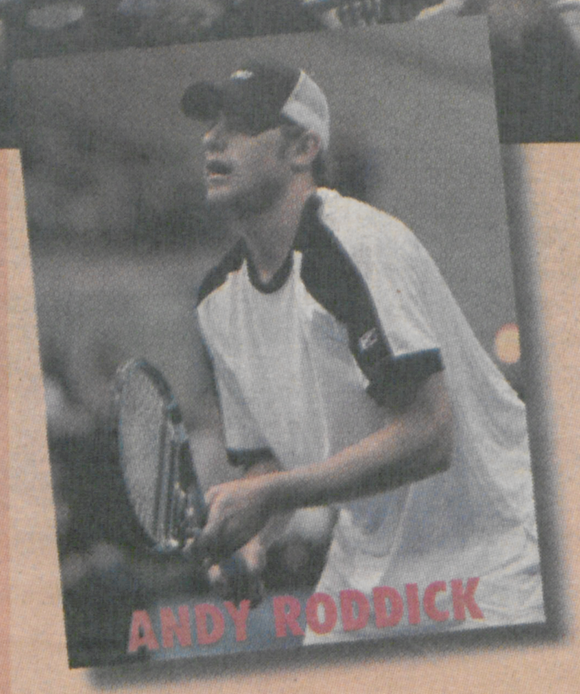

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"A kind and decent people"Rendell says

By Frank Pizzoli, Publisher

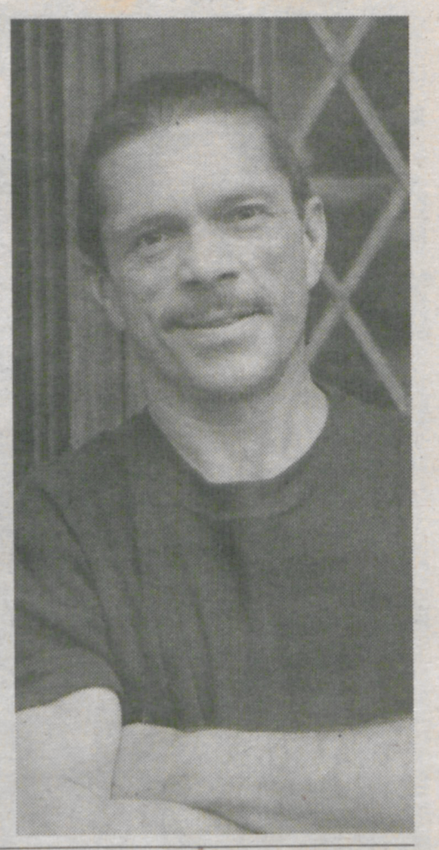
"Because they are a kind and decent people," responded Governor Ed Rendell when asked by demonstrating Fundamentalist Christians why he walked around Central PA Pride Festival 2005 talking to folks and showing his support.

Meanwhile, one Pennsylvania legislator complained (erroneously) about tax money being used to support an "immoral lifestyle." Then he voted himself a 16% pay raise. So much for "values." I guess values are the same as "obscene." Each of us knows what's obscene when we see it.

Some days I wonder why any of us in the gay community is sane at all. Barriers against our inclusion were erected before we were born. They will continue for many years after our passing. We work so hard for employers yet have no job protection in Pennsylvania or on the national level. We live under a hateful social and political regime that amounts to "taxation without representation."

Television portrays us as silly minstrels in the employ of corporate America to sell straight folks product. Will has yet to get laid. Gays are okay, as long as we stay in our place. If we don't, we're called "uppity queers." Sound familiar? Any historical comparisons come to mind?

Still, we continue contributing to The United Way, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (formerly The Greater Harrisburg Foundation), and so many other community endeavors. Yes, we are a kind and decent people even in the unending face of religious bigotry passed off as God's love.



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Common Roads Moves Riverside

Late September, Common Roads will be moving from its home in Midtown Harrisburg to a third floor location at 221 North Front St. The center has been supporting glbt youth from a basement on Third Street for three years. Although CR will miss the current location across from Broad Street Market, the new building, owned by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, will be "nicer for youth" according to executive director Carol Reisinger.

The historic building has the same amount of space as the organization's first home, but the more economical location offers a view of the Susquehanna River with its spacious rooms. CR is accepting donations for first month's rent and new equipment for the youth. An open house is planned for October. Contact: http://www.commonroads.org; 717-920-9534; carolr@commonroads.org

Iran Executes Gay Teens

Two gay Iranian teenagers - one 18, the other believed to be 16 or 17, recently were executed for the "crime" of homosexuality, according to the Iranian Student News Agency (ISNA). The two youths - identified only by their initials as M.A. and A.M., were hanged on July 19 in Edalat (Justice) Square in the city of Mashhad in north-eastern Iran, on the orders of Court No. 19.

Ultra-conservative deputy Ali Asgari said that the two deserved to be hanged in public, adding, 'Whatever sentence is decreed by an Islamic penal system must be approved, unless proven otherwise.' Asgari complained of foreign and domestic reporting that the two were mere boys.

"Instead of paying tribute to the action of the judiciary, the media are mentioning the age of the hanged criminals and creating a commotion that harms the interests of the state," a member of the Majlis Legal Affairs Committee said. "These individuals were corrupt. Their sentence was carried out with the approval of the judiciary and it served them right," a representative said.

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place to stay.

At another time in nearby Eden, N.C., preacher Robert (Chris Sarandon) and his wife Elizabeth (Tess Harper) live a serene existence that has become increasingly marred by the intrusions of the outside world, exemplified by the new arrival of an apparently gay couple across the street, and by a nude statue that an otherwise pious neighbor has placed in her front yard.

And at another time in another nearby place, there is a woman named Grace (Bonnie Hunt) who

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Forever Books Launches Online Store

Forever Books Inc., Harrisburg's lgbt books and gifts store recently launched (www.foreverbooks.biz) an Online Store and a new Member Center, allowing members to update their own membership information, customize mailing list settings, and easily sign up for social events.

Future additions will include Special Store Discounts for Members Only, access to a new Dating Center, and much more.

Online Buying

The new Online Store and Special Order features allows web site visitors the option to view items currently available for in-store purchases, purchase items from the web site for shipping to their home, or special order items not currently in stock, also for home shipping.

Also available exclusively from Forever Books, on site and online is their custom designed merchandise: Pride 2005 items, t-shirts, infant's and kid's wear, pet wear, magnets, buttons, stickers, teddy bears, home and office products, coffee mugs, and more.

For business owners, Forever Books' web site also offers very inexpensive advertising options, ranging from $7.00 to $40.00 per month, based on the selected web pages an ad will appear and the length of the ad campaign.

Blogger's Heaven

Are you looking for a place to share your views and opinions on today's hot topics? Then be sure to visit the Message Forum. With a fast growing number of members, the Message Forum continues to host topics for thought and discussion. Let your voice be heard!

Want to know what's happening in the community? Check out their Community Calendar. Businesses and organizations throughout the region are posting scheduled events.

Learn more about all sorts of things in the Topics section. Topics include: automotive, education and careers, family and pets, food and entertaining, healthy living, home and garden, making a difference, money, seasonal, travel and recreation, and weddings and style.

Forever Books Inc. owners, Tameca Waid, Monique Pearson, and Mark Lemkelde are dedicated to providing the region's lgbt community with an opportunity to come together as a united group. "We hope that our store, social events, and website will help tear down some of the walls of segregation that exist within the lgbt community. Our goal is to offer the chance for people to share the experiences of their lives, to help and learn from one another, and help to create a true sense of community," Lemkelde says. "We hope to see you soon!"

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has returned to her hometown after a breakdown and suicide attempt to find the child she gave up for adoption many years ago.

These stories don't appear connected at all until about halfway through the film, when things start to come together and we realize what connections the people have to each other. There are some very pleasing surprises, things that make you smile and admire the masterful way in which all the threads have been tied.

Writer/director Tim Kirkman, who directed David Drake's "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me" which screened at the first festival in 2002, says the film is based on a true story. He finds his theme in the loggerhead turtles, which always return to their birthplaces to lay their eggs. How a turtle knows on which patch of beach it was born when most patches of beach look about the same is a mystery, and Kirkman finds beauty in it. People, too, are drawn to their roots, even if they have consciously sought to avoid them, as some of these characters have done.

Gay-friendly Medical Practice Available

Glen Wheeler, MD, father of Jimmy Wheeler about whom the movie "Jim in Bold" was written, has affiliated with Family Medical Care, 3320 Ridgeway Road,

Harrisburg. "We strive to provide quality medical care to all, regardless of race,color, or sexual orientation," Wheeler says.

The practice is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A person is on call around the clock, seven days a week. Appointments: 717-652-3881. The office located on the corner of Progress Ave and Ridgeway Road, about a five-minute drive from Harrisburg's Walnut Street going north on Progress Ave.

September
2nd – Gay.com Party — 9pm – Midnight
4th – "Our Kids Christmas" Benefit Show – 8pm
5th – Labor Day Picnic Buffet – 5pm — ??
18th – Leukemia Lymphoma Society Benefit Show – 9pm

October
7th – Gay.com Party – 9pm – Midnight
9th — "Our Kids Christmas" Benefit Show – 9pm
29th – Annual Halloween Party – Costume Prizes

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Is There a Gay Gene?

Genetic factors plus cultural and early experiences influence male homosexuality, according to researchers. University of Padua researchers say the genetic components are linked to the X chromosome inherited only from the mother, but they are probably on other chromosomes and could partly explain male homosexuality.

"The key factor is that these genes both influence homosexuality in men, higher fecundity in females and are in the maternal and not the paternal line," says team researcher Andrea Camperio-Ciani.

More than a decade ago US scientists reported finding evidence of a "gay gene" in men. Other researchers questioned the finding when they could not duplicate the results.

Camperio-Ciani and his team suggest there several genes could be involved, including those on the X chromosome. In his research, reported in the Proceedings of the Royal Society, his team found an increase in homosexuality in the maternal line of gay men they studied which suggests the X chromosome.

"We know that at least one of these genetic factors in on the X chromosome but that is not enough, there must be other genetic factors that are important but are elsewhere," Camperio-Ciani added.

The results are based on a study of 98 homosexual and 100 heterosexual men and about 4,600 of their relatives. The scientists compared the frequency of gay men on the maternal and paternal lines of the families. Among homosexuals there were a greater number of gay men in the maternal line of the family, as well as greater fertility in the

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Business History: Mollie B Fine Jewelry

Prior to April 1995, those with discerning taste in jewelry and fine giftware shopped at J.E. Caldwell & Co. and chances are Mollie Bronstein helped them with their selection.

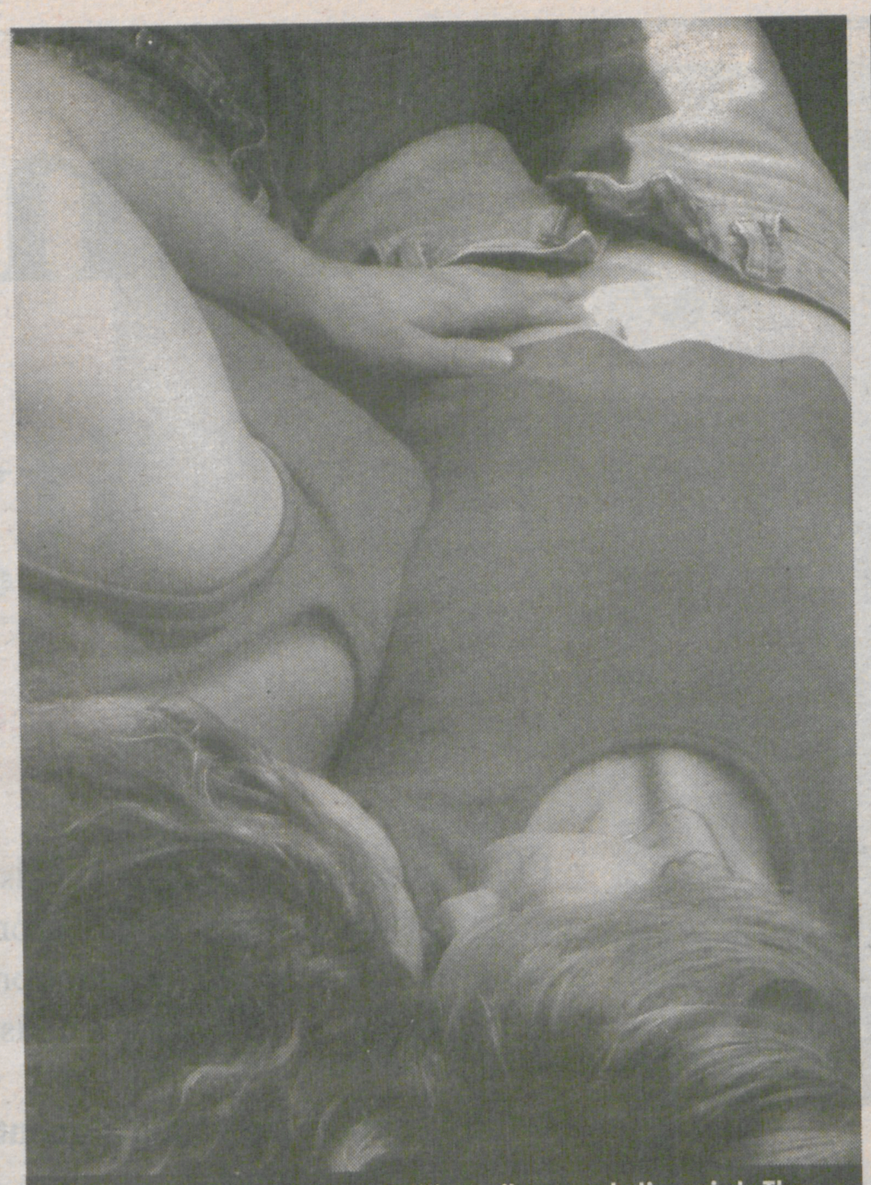
When Caldwell's pulled out of our market, Mollie was already in the process of setting of setting up her own shop and in November, 1995, "Mollie B Fine Jewelry" was established.

"I chose a small elegant setting along the Linglestown Road corridor, but six years later I brought my son Randy into the business and moved to much larger quarters in the Beaufort Plaza on Linglestown Road," Molly says.

What sets Molly B apart from other jewelers is the exclusivity of her vendor lines. "To find the same designers one must travel to Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York or Baltimore, "Molly says.

"The jewelry industry has always held a fascination for me because of a beloved uncle who worked in the manufacturing end of the business and exposed me to the pouring of gold alloy at a young age. After raising five children and spending many years as a volunteer for both charitable and religious organizations, I chose to follow my dream and entered the retail jewelry field and fell in love with every phase of it," Molly says.

In November, Molly celebrates her 10th Anniversary as "Mollie B Fine Jewelers."



"Untitled # 56," Limited Edition silver gelatin print. The artist captured an intensely intimate moment between the subjects. Print is available for purchase from Deborah Swanger Photography. 717-653-6774; debbieswanger@aol.com; www.deborahswanger.com

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Student Gay-Straight Alliances on Rise

By Jamaal Abdul-Alim

Sonya Cohn and Madeleine Schulz "got married" last year on the front lawn of Shorewood High School, located in a Milwaukee suburb.

Senior Zoe Cohen, 17, brought attention to the spectacle by blowing a whistle. Then she said these words: "I pronounce you wife and wife."

"We had two Barbies on a wedding cake," Cohen recalls of the mock marriage ceremony that Cohn, 18, and Schulz, 17, staged last spring. "We cut the cake," Cohen says. "And I did a lot of whistle-blowing."

This student-organized demonstration was led by Students for Homosexual Awareness, Respect and Equality, a "gay-straight alliance" at Shorewood High School. Such alliances increasingly are common in high schools as the national debate intensifies over same-sex marriage and gay rights.

Local GSAs Exist

"Local GSAs exist in Carlisle, Cumberland Valley, Lower Dauphin has a Diversity Club, Shippensburg as well as other local schools are looking to start organi-

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor should be 300 or fewer words and include email or contact information. Send to SoundOffAC@aol.com.

Star Search

Dear Editor,

Please indulge my request and publish a note to a nice man named Joe that I met: Joe, it was very nice meeting you and your friends at the Baltimore Eagle on July 29. I've been kicking myself ever since for not offering you my contact information. I want to get to know you! Dinner is on me if I can find you!

Reply to: Len - swtogt@aol.com

You're Welcome

Dear Editor,

I just finished reading "Tom Reider Captures City" by Paul Hood (July/August 2005). I wanted to thank you for publishing Paul Hood's well-written story about my work and Bridges Gallery.

Tom Reider
Bridges Gallery
http://bridgesgallery.com

So Much Class

Dear Editor,

I would like to say how proud I am of you. The paper is absolutely fantastic. I still like the fact that there are no personal ads – it shows so much class. I let my parents read it – and that is so cool.

Derek Cordier, Esquire

Men in Love

Dear Editor,

Just a short missive to tell you how much Dennis and I enjoyed Derek Cordier's article (July-August, 2005) about Harry O'Donnell and Arthyr Bennet. It was well-written and the message concerning Living Wills and Powers of Attorney can never be overemphasized.

In the last weeks, we have become friends with Harry who we both think is a terrific gentleman. Harry said the first thing he was asked was if there were a Power of Attorney and Living Will and he had to produce them posthaste. I showed Dennis where I keep ours so that if the need arises, he can produce them as expediently as Harry did.

Again, thanks for the great article which for us was a highlight of the current issue

Sincerely,
Keith & Dennis

Loves Newspaper

Dear Editor,

I love the newspaper and all you do for us.

Sincerely,
Michael Kline

Thank You to Pride Committee

Dear Editor,

I wanted to share my experience as a new member of the Central PA Pride Festival Committee. I wanted to respond to some of the recent criticism of the Committee over last year's unfortunate event with the Pride Flags.

A lot of people who come to Pride, or just hear stories about Pride, think this event is put together after a few weeks of planning. I just want to let you know that many months of planning are involved in the one day event.

The planning starts in September when the previous Pride event is reviewed by the entire Committee.

I will tell you now that all of the Pride Committee meetings are open to everyone. They are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. at the Common Roads Community Center on Third and Verbeke Sts., lower level. All individuals are welcome to attend, to share ideas or to constructively criticize past events. All ideas and criticism are taken seriously.

After a report is given by the Committee on this year's Pride profits, the group decides which organizations will receive any after-expense funds. Money is given to both gay and general community causes. Each member has input on these decisions.

After approval and distribution of funds, we go to work on next year's Pride. We talk about what kind of event we'd like and what kind we can actually afford. The Vendor Chair sends out a questionnaire assessing the vendors' experiences. We ask vendors for suggestions on ways we can make the event better. Making the event enjoyable for both vendors and festival goers is the Pride Committees number one goal.

The process includes looking for new and better entertainment. We also look at ways to make the day as much fun as possible for everyone involved. Everything about Pride is discussed: vendor arrangements, city requirements, security, and any issues that may develop. As you can see, lots of work goes into this one day event.

I am hoping a lot of you readers enjoyed the Friday night, Pre-Pride Evening this year. This addition to the schedule was something the Committee discussed a lot this year. As a first time event, Friday night looks like it probably will develop into a regular part of the schedule, especially after the early positive feedback we received.

The Committee hopes to make Pride a premier event, one that shows central Pennsylvania that we know how to party safely and responsibly. In the next planning round, there will be lots of discussion on ways to improve Pride.

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Met Life's Snoopy Shows Pride - Met Life's Justin G. Miller, CLTC, brought mascot Snoopy to show his pride at Central PA Pride Festival. Miller offers financial services to the lgbt community; 717-314-8572;

Gay Utah Man Takes State Senate Seat

What do you do for an encore after marrying your same-sex partner before a national audience in 2000 on "Politically Incorrect," Bill Maher's late-night talk-show?

If you're attorney Scott McCoy, 34, you follow it up five years later with another first: becoming Utah's first openly gay state senator.

McCoy made national headlines two weeks ago when he was appointed by Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman to fill a seat vacated due to illness by a gay-friendly incumbent. In a close race against his predecessor's husband, McCoy was elected by the delegates in his Senate district. McCoy is now one of the eight Democrats serving in the 29-member state Senate.

In 2004, McCoy lobbied many of the same legislators with whom he is now serving when he led the Don't Amend Alliance, the project that unsuccessfully fought Utah's proposed Amendment 3 barring gay marriage. McCoy still serves as vice-chair of Equality Utah, the state's gay advocacy organization.

The first week of February was a whirlwind for McCoy. On Feb. 2, the vacancy was announced. After learning that several candidates were running for the seat, McCoy said he thought, "Why in the hell shouldn't I throw my hat in the ring and make it a contest?"

On February, after a good afternoon workout at the gym he made his decision. "This shows you why endorphins are a dangerous thing," McCoy said. That evening he began his campaign. The next day he was elected. Two days later he was sworn in by the governor.

While McCoy and his partner, Mark Barr, were living in New York, "Politically Incorrect" was looking for a gay couple to marry on television in February 2000, and McCoy and Barr answered the call.

Patty Kim
for City Council

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Want to Act-Up continued

Maine to Pennsylvania beginning on September 30, 2005.

"The caravan's final stop before moving onto a week-long rally in Washington, DC is Harrisburg on October 7," Thomas says. He is organizing a local group (Harrisburg, Lancaster, York) to serve on a host committee. "We'll actually design a special event to celebrate the caravan's arrival in Harrisburg and give them an enthusiastic push as they travel on to DC," Thomas says.

Host committee participants will be required to attend a few meetings between now and October 7. If interested, call Thomas at 717-856-4106.

The Campaign to Ends AIDS

C2EA is a new and diverse coalition of people living with HIVAIDS and the advocates, organizations and loved ones who stand behind them. The campaign is organizing on local, state and national levels.

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Fight AIDS stigma and protect the civil rights of all people with HIV and AIDS everywhere.

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No Credit Left Behind Act

New Bankruptcy Law Takes Effect October 17

By Derek J. Cordier, Esquire

The new bankruptcy law was passed and signed into law by President Bush. In a nut-shell, the law was passed to make it harder for debtors to file for bankruptcy and to further protect creditors.

Some parts of the law have already gone into effect, but most of the provisions become effective for cases filed on or after October 17, 2005. If you are planning to file bankruptcy, it will be easier and less expensive to file prior to October 17, 2005.

Debtors will now be required to have credit counseling within 180 days prior to filing, which must be completed within 30 days of the filing. There is an exception for those disabled or incapacitated.

Prior to the new law some liens on personal property could be avoided, which allowed the debtor to keep the property without the liens. The lien avoidance provision has been restricted to one radio, one television, one VCR, and one personal computer. Liens against works of art not created by the debtor, jewelry worth more than $500.00, and motor vehicles cannot be avoided.

For Chapter 7 no asset cases, there is now a test to be performed to determine eligibility for filing. It is called the "means test." Once October 17 roles around, if your income is above the median income for the Commonwealth, which is determined by census data, anyone who has an interest may bring a motion based on the means test or on the general grounds of abuse and the Chapter 7 case may be dismissed or converted to a Chapter 13.

There is a presumption of abuse in Chapter 7 cases when the debtor's income after allowable deductions is $166.67 per month. In such a case the debtor's total unsecured debt is irrelevant. Abuse is also presumed if the debtor's income after allowable deductions is at least $100.00 per month and if the $100.00 payable over 5 years will pay at least 25% of the debtor's total unsecured debt.

In a Chapter 13 case, the debtor is required to make monthly payments over a period of time to the Bankruptcy Trustee who then pays certain creditors a percentage of what is due them. The amount of the monthly payment is determined by the amount of the debtor's income after expenses.

Under the new law attorneys will have to make reasonable investigations into the debtor's financial affairs as they may be held liable for violations of the law. What this all means is that after October 17, 2005, it will not only be more difficult to file for bankruptcy, but attorneys will be charging considerably more for their services.

Central Sighting –Common Roads Board Vice President Ted Martin and Governor Ed Rendell greet attendees at July 30 Central PA Pride Festival. Rendell walked among vendor booths and participants. "Because they are a kind and decent people," Rendell responded when asked by a demonstrating Fundamentalist Christian why he came to show his support.

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Central Sighting –The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA-US) recently sponsored "Giving Women Power Over AIDS," one of the most gripping visual representations of women's vulnerabilities to HIV ever presented. This exhibit takes a firsthand look at the reality of HIV/AIDS through the story of Ruth Chimuonenji who died of AIDS in 2003 in Zimbabwe after contracting the disease from her husband. "The exhibit is an inspirational account of one woman's strength and very personal struggle with the global AIDS epidemic," says NAPWA executive director Terje Anderson. "But the theme of the exhibit - empowering women around the globe in the fight against AIDS - is truly universal."

Transgender Woman Dedicates Time to HIV Awareness

She may be a transgender woman with HIV, but Chris Poorman insists that her story isn't especially unique. Poorman recently received a leadership award from TheBody.com, an international HIV education and awareness web site.

Just like many people, feeling invincible led to Poorman's HIV infection. Like many people, she didn't find out she had HIV until she became so sick she had to be hospitalized. Like many people, she found it intensely difficult to come to terms with her diagnosis. And just like many people, Poorman now takes HIV meds and her virus is under control.

But as humble as she'd like to be, the truth is that Poorman's story is unique - maybe not so much because of her sexual identity or her history with HIV, but definitely because of her overwhelmingly positive energy. Hundreds of thousands of people in the US are living with HIV, but few have transformed their diagnosis into such a source of inspiration.

Poorman has done extensive volunteer work with the AIDS Community Alliance, a community-based HIV service provider in south-central Pennsylvania. She also serves on the boards of many AIDS organizations, and has served as chair of the AIDS Walk of South Central Pennsylvania for the past five years.

She frequently gives educational presentations about HIV with special focus on youth and senior audiences. As a transgender woman over 50, Poorman feels she puts a "diverse face and voice" on the pandemic, which helps her audiences transcend their perceptions of who is and is not at risk for HIV.

What truly sets Poorman apart is her relentless optimism. "Negativity is not an option for positives," she says. "Negativity just brings you down, so regardless of how I feel, I know I need to keep a positive attitude. If you're down, you have to just go out and bring yourself back."

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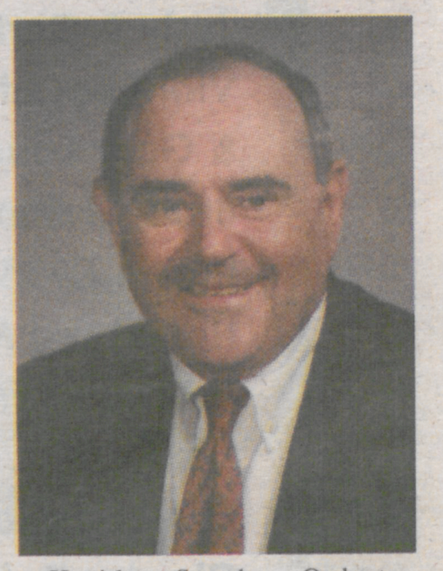

Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, one of the region's oldest cultural institutions, wraps up its 75th birthday celebration with "Celebrate the Harvest: Savor the Music," an Encore Gala that brings together the richness of music, art and fine dining.

"The symphony is extraordinarily lucky and grateful for all the support we receive in the community," said gala committee chair, Karen Diener Best. The black tie event, slated for the Hilton Harrisburg Ballroom, September 18, 5:30 p.m. begins with a reception and a silent auction followed by dinner and entertainment by Maestro Stuart Malina and his brother, Joel.

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Pricing Your Home for Sale

by David Alan Zwifka

When it comes to pricing your home for sale, you may be tempted to start with the price you paid for it, add up all the improvement you made to it, and mark it up a little further for good measure, then call it a day. Unfortunately, that strategy is likely not to result in an accurate picture of what your home is worth. Pricing decisions should be grounded in reality, rather than an unrealistic expectation of return on an investment. Pricing in real estate, like any other commodity, depends on the market – what people will pay for the commodity – not what we believe is its intrinsic worth. Here are five strategies that will help you to estimate the worth or your home.

Abandon your personal point of view.

How much will a ready, willing and able buyer be willing to pay for your home? Buyers do not care how much you paid for the home, how many memorable moments you shared with others there, how much you paid to refinish the wood floors, or how much cash you need for the downpayment on your next residence.

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Local LGBT Democrats Create Website

The Capital Region Stonewall Democrats, the area's largest political organization of glbt citizens and straight allies, have created a web site. The site includes links to the group's three endorsed candidates: Dan Miller for Harrisburg City Council, Carlisle Councilman Tim Scott, and Charles Andrews for mayor of Carlisle. The Web site address is www.capitalstonewall.org.

The group is planning to hold a forum in September or October for all four Democratic nominees for Harrisburg City Council.

Another major project for CRSD is building support for Governor Ed Rendell's proposed domestic-partner benefits for state employees. Nearly 400 people at the recent Central Pennsylvania Pride Festival signed CRSD's letters in support of providing the benefits.

In July, two top House Republican leaders went to court to block a state board from even doing a study on how much it would cost to provide the benefits. The Republican leaders' spokesman said, "Should tax dollars be used to give state benefits to non-married 'friends'?"

Ben Turner, CRSD co-chair, said, "You can be with your partner 25 years and you're still considered just a 'friend,' and you're denied equal benefits for equal work. It's time to change that - glbt citizens pay taxes too."

CRSD co-chair Judy Chambers said, "We need everyone - gay or straight - who supports equal benefits to make a quick call or send an e-mail to their state senators and representatives. As an official from a national glbt group said recently, for a lot of families, it makes the difference between having basic health insurance or no insurance."

Chambers and Turner also responded to criticism of how they handled information that Harrisburg City Council candidate Patty Kim was speaking to a youth conference sponsored by a right-wing group.

"We feel that we made the best decisions we could, given the very limited time before the May primary election and the information we had at the time. The situation could have just as easily ended with some members of the community accusing us of withholding important information. It will speak volumes whether each candidate chooses to come to the forum this fall and take questions in person from glbt and allied voters."

"Ultimately, each voter in Harrisburg will have to decide for himself or herself whether each candidate has really answered the tough questions and met the high standards that voters have a right to expect."

The Capital Region Stonewall Democrats can be reached at: P.O. Box 173, Harrisburg, PA 17108-0173; phone: (717) 232-8382; e-mail: crstonewalldems@yahoo.com.

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High School Challenges Gay Youth

By Amanda Garner
Common Roads Youth Columnist

Summer's over. For most of us, the summer months are an escape from the reality we face the other nine months of the year. Our reality is trying to survive in the "jungle" we call high school.

For most gay teens, high school is one big "red flag" flashing danger. School shouldn't be that way.

Common Roads, and organizations like it, are safe havens for many of us. As if it isn't hard enough getting through adolescence, many of us are left alone in the dark to find comfort.

Despite the fact that there are various youth groups in the gay community, gay teens are still looking for a place where they can be accepted. A desperate need for outreach programs and support among school staff remains evident in many schools across the country. Heads are still turned away and blind eyes are still cast in the direction of the discrimination faced by us youth. Statistics show where dropouts and suicides are still taking place. For those of us who know about these different organizations and groups, we make it a point to get the word out.

Places like CR are made possible because of the leaders and volunteers who have dedicated their time to helping us. We will be forever grateful. When it comes down to it, places like CR are few and far between. The majority of our problems lie in the schools, and because of this, it must be the focal point of our mission to start and end there.

Acceptance comes through education. Unfortunately, teachers often aren't taught how to council teens, especially gay teens. It's truly a travesty that so many teachers simply don't care enough or are just as ignorant as the bullies themselves who push their personal and religious view onto gay students.

It is up to the adults – both in and out of the gay community – to help gay youth. We are the young gays and lesbians who will carry the progress of this generation into the next. Different programs have been created, such as a mentoring program for young lesbians that is directly associated with the Womyn's Circle of Central Pa and Common Roads. Still there is a need for these programs and for individuals to help us.

I believe that we can one day achieve our goals and overcome the indifferences faced by the gay community as a whole. But this will only come through time and great strides on our part as activists, but more importantly as human beings. For now, our dream is that in the Fall, when we return to school, we will be greeted by a promising future where we can be safe. You can help. Don't let us down.

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Go to some open houses in your neighborhood and try to make an impartial assessment of how those homes compare to your in terms of location, size, upgrades, floor plan, amenities, and condition. Assuming all the asking prices were the same, would you buy your house or someone else's?

Consider market conditions.

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The silent auction, "A Symphony of Pleasures for Body and Soul," features beautiful art and a signed limited-edition print from renowned local artist Erna Tuno, and one-of-a-kind etched glass art, created specially for the Encore Gala by Norene Lahr, whose work has been commis-

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Student alliances continued

zations, says Common Roads executive director Carol Reisinger. CR is a youth-oriented organization offering education and support to youth and families. "We're the ones who often pick up the pieces after children and young adults suffer abuse in school or at home," she says.

Critics believe gay-straight alliances are part of an agenda to promote acceptance of homosexuality.

"We feel that homosexual behavior is harmful to the people who engage in it and to society at large and that, therefore, this is not something that should be promoted in the schools," says Peter Sprigg, senior director of policy studies at the Family Research Council, referring to research cited in "Getting it Straight: What the Research Shows about Homosexuality," a book he co-authored. Among other things, the book says homosexuals are more promiscuous, face greater risk of sexually transmitted diseases and are more likely to molest children than heterosexuals.

But supporters, like Reisinger, say the GSA groups help make American society more inclusive.

"Having GSAs does not promote homosexuality. On the contrary, they help students who are habitually harassed to find a place in school where they can be comfortable," Reisinger points out. Many lgbt adults wished they had a safe place to go.

Reisinger says it's a myth to believe homosexuals disrupt society and families. "I wonder why with young Americans dying in a war, with children living in poverty, and with the elderly having to give up medications because of high costs, with workers losing pensions that religious and political groups focus on homosexuality and defenseless youth?' Reisinger observed. She thinks "it's easier to target gays than to do the really hard work of making society better. "These young people are not asking for more. They are asking to be treated the same as other students in their schools."

Local Student's Experience

Mechanicsburg's Z. Stolley, 16, says "the GSA at Cumberland Valley was reformed shortly after I transferred there. It has about 25 members. About 20 attend meetings." For him, the group "helped show school mates there are gay people in their midst." Most students, Stolley says, just want a welcoming environment.

Stolley says "My first day at Cumberland Valley I was called a 'kyke' in a classroom and a rudely stated "Are you gay or something?" He responded: "Would it matter if I was?", pointing out that such a response shifts pressure onto the other person.

"People should make a habit of speaking up against slurs of any kind - anti-gay, racist or sexist," Stolley says. GSAs believe that "people should be accepted for who they are, not shunned or insulted because they're different."

Nationally, 84% of LGBT students say they have been verbally harassed, according to a 2003 "school climate" survey by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network. About 39% reported being physically harassed; about 64% reported "feeling unsafe" at school; and about 29% reported missing at least one day of school in the past month because they felt unsafe.

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sioned by Millersville University for their 100th Anniversary Celebration. Gourmet dinners, spa and outdoors packages are also part of the selection, including a romantic weekend get-away for two at the Westwynd Farm bed-and-breakfast in Hummelstown.

Committee members for the evening, in addition to Karen Diener Best, chair, include Barbara Arnold, Betty Aversa, Alison Hassman Ballantine, Kara Beem, Heather S. Bittenbender, Sandy Cleveland, Pat Ferris, Linda Mohler Humes, Marjorie Katzman, Debbie Keys, Judy Knupp, Jane Kohn, Jan LeBlanc, Thomas Malin, Marjorie Sherman, Carolyn Troxell, Mary Zimmerman, and Nancy Zimmerman.

James M. Mead New Chair

HSO recently announced election of officers. James M. Mead, the former President and CEO of Capital Blue Cross, is now symphony chairman. Mead, Camp Hill, succeeds Hershey's Nancy Zimmerman, who held the post for two years. Also elected were three new Vice Chairs: Lewisberry's Mary Ann Kaplan, New Cumberland's Bruce Darkes, and Enola's Dr. William Murray. Kaplan is a retired cytologist, Darkes is a partner in the accounting firm Beard Miller, and Murray, a retired physician, is President of Precision Medical Devices, Inc.

Retaining their posts will be Lisa Ritter, Treasurer, and William W. Warren, Jr., Secretary, both of Harrisburg. Ms. Ritter is a partner in the accounting firm, Boles, Metzger, Brosius & Ritter, and Mr. Warren is a partner in the law firm, Saul Ewing.

Mead retired in 2004 after running Capital Blue Cross for 30 years. The Penn State University

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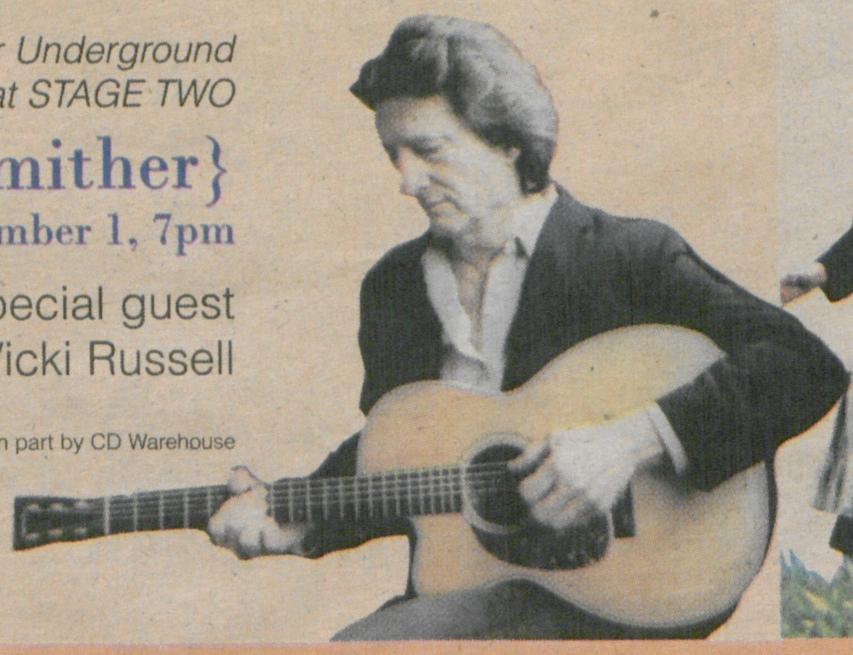

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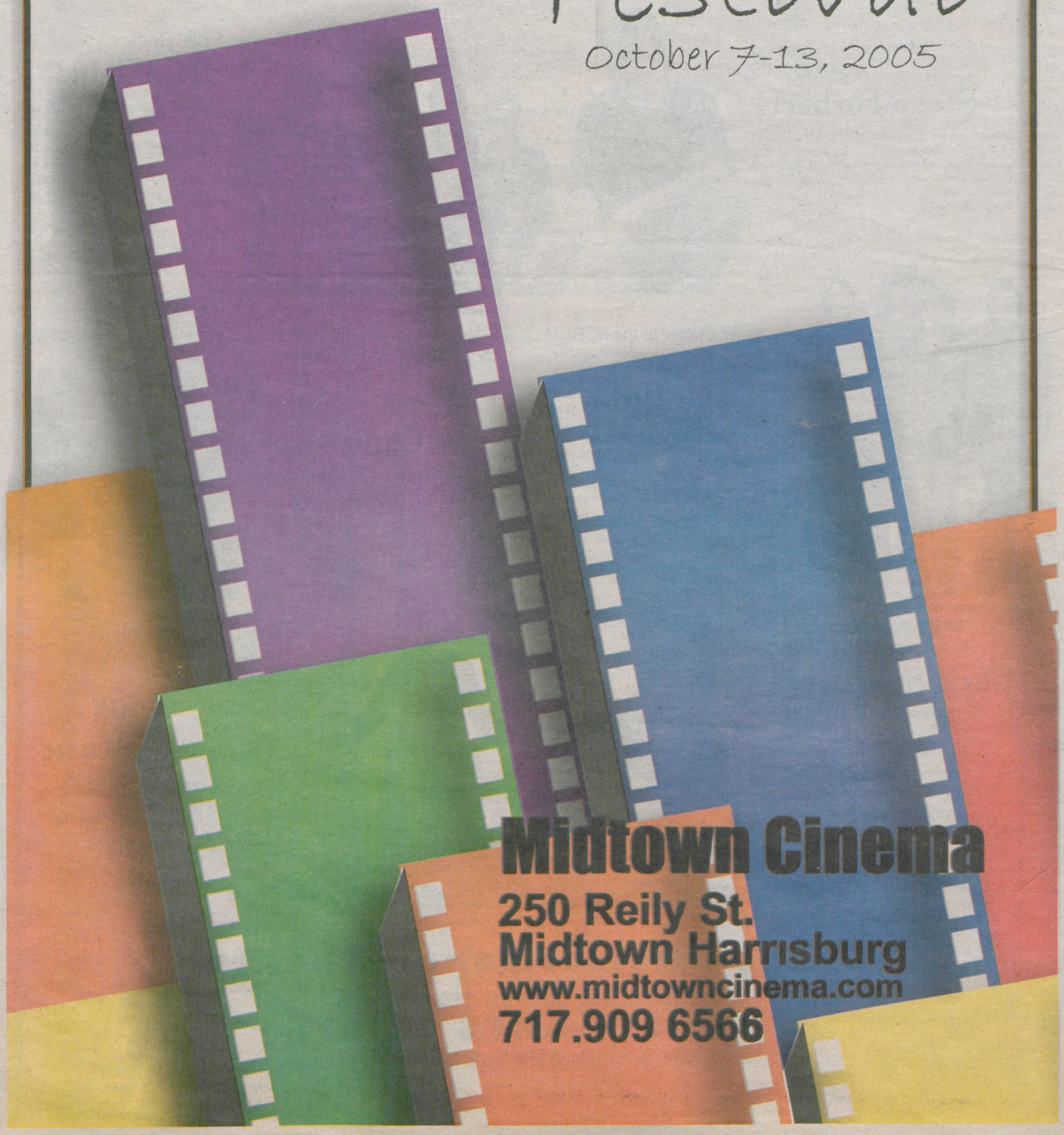

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